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HIs Majesty having received information, that the Lord Major of *London* was imprisoned in the Tower, by the Command of both Houses of *Parliament*, for Executing His Majesties Writ and lawfull Commands, was not a little moved at the arrivall of those Tydings; but His Majesty taking it into his Princely and gracious consideration, forthwith Resolved, to make both His Houses

Majesties Writ and lawfull Commands, were but ill prologues to a Petition which might compose the miserable Distractions of the Kingdom.

His Majesty having also received many Petitions from the Members of the Honourable Houses of *Parliament* concerning the *Militia* of the Kingdom, being put into the Command of those persons in whom the *Parliament* might confide.

His Majesty for some particular Reasons denyed to grant it absolutely, reserving some part to himself, to rest at his own disposal, for which Cause the *Parliament* (after many petitions) finding it to be both for the security of his Majesty and the good of the Subject, to put the Kingdom in a posture of Defence, by the Authority of *Parliament* elected Officers, as Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels, Serjeant

Major, Captains, and all other Officers, both discreet in Judgment, of untainted and unquestioned Loyalty, and of known and experienced ability, put the *Militia* of the Kingdom into their tuition, contrary to His Majesties liking, and without his Assent thereunto.

For which cause his Majesty to stop and hinder such Proceedings, sent out this Command following.

Whereas by the Statute made in the 7. year of *K. E.* 1. the Prelates, Earls, Barons, and Commonalty of the Realm affirmed in *Parliament*, that to the King it belongeth, and his part, it is by his Royall Seignioriry straightly to defend wearing of Armour, and all other Force, against the peace at all times, when it shall please him, and to punish them which shall doe the contrary, according to the Lawes and Usages of the Realm.

We do therfore by this Our *Proclamation* expresly command all Our Sheriffs, and all Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels, Serjeant Majors, Capt. and Officers belonging

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to the Trayned Bands of this our Kingdom, &c. Not to muſter, leavie, raiſe, or march, or to ſummon, or warn, upon any Warrant, Order, or Ordinance, from one or both Our Houſes of *Parliament* (whereto we have not, nor ſhall not give Our Expreſſe conſent) to any of Our Trayned Bands or other Forces, to Raiſe, Muſter, march, or Exerciſe, without Expreſſe Warrant from Our hand, or Warrant from Our Sheriffe of the County, grounded upon a particular Writ to that purpoſe, under Our great Seal.

And in Caſe any of Our Trayned Bands ſhall Riſe, or gather together, contrary to this Our Command, We ſhall then call them in due time to a ſtrict account, and proceed Legally againſt them as Violaters of the Laws, and Diſturbers of the Peace of the Kingdom.

This is the due Obedience that His Majeſty expects from all his loving Subjects, and here is the Penalty, that attends the Denyall His Majeſties high Diſpleaſure, and the ſeverity of Law, both which is certain

certain Ruine; but when the High Court of *Parliament* Declares their proceedings to be Legall and Loyall, tending both to the preſervation of his Majeſties Honour, and the generall good of the Subject, with all Declaring all thoſe that ſhall diſobey their Commands, to be Enemies to the King, and Deſtroyers of the Kingdom, betwixt theſe two Extreams; what ſhall we do, if wee take Arms againſt His Majeſty, we fight againſt God, our lawfull Soveraign is Gods *Vice-gerent*. If we againſt the *Parliament* take Arms, we wound our ſelvs our wives and children.

WHeras *ſeverall Commiſſions of Array have lately iſſued out under the Great Seal of* England, *into the ſeverall Counties of* Leiceſter, Worceſter, *and other Counties of this Realm, tending to the great danger of his Majeſty, and the diſturbance of the peace of this Kingdome: For the preventing thereof, and of the Execution, and iſſuing out of any ſuch Commiſſions for the time to come, It is ordered by the Lords and Commons, That the Judges and Juſtices of Aſſize, of the ſeverall*

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Counties of England *and* Wales, *bee required in their ſeverall Circuits at the Aſſizes and great Seſſions to be next held for each County within this Realm, and the Dominion of* Wales, *in open Court, and in their ſeverall Charges to be delivered to the Grand-Juries at the ſaid Aſſizes, openly to declare and publiſh, that the ſaid Lords and Commons have upon mature deliberation, Reſolved upon the queſtion, That the ſaid Commiſſions of Array are againſt Law, and againſt the Liberty and property of the Subject: And that all thoſe that are Actors in putting the ſame in execution, ſhall be eſteemed Diſturbers of the peace of this Kingdome, and Betrayers of the Liberty of the Subject.*

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